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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2005, for which a response was due November 1, 2005. A Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the time of response by three months, up to and including February 1, 2006, together with provision for payment of the required petition fee is enclosed herewith.

Please amend the application as detailed below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Please replace the specification with the substitute specification enclosed herewith.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the red-lined specification attached herein as **Appendix A**. Notably, underlined text has been added whereas strikethrough text has been deleted. A "clean" version of the substitute specification with the amendments incorporated is attached herein as **Appendix B**.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. 1.125(C) THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY STATES THAT THE SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION CONTAINS NO NEW MATTER.